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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	MIZRAHI ET AL.	Examiner:	PRATS
Serial No.:	09/412,085	Group Art Unit:	1651
Filed:	OCTOBER 4, 1999	Docket No.:	6786.141US01
Title:	PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A PURIFIED LACTIC ACID SOLUTION		

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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2000, Applicants provide the following Amendments and Remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-12, 14-20 and 22-23 without prejudice, amend claim 1, and add new claims 24-39 as follows.

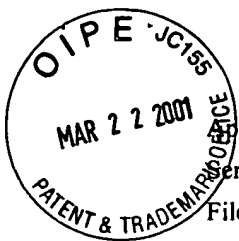
1. (AMENDED) A process for generating a purified solution of lactic acid, comprising the steps of:
 - a. providing a source of lactate material which includes [at least one of lactic acid, lactate salt, or both wherein the lactate salt includes] calcium lactate;
 - b. concentrating the source of lactate material by removing at least about 10% of the volume of the volume of the source of lactate materials without [similarly reducing the volume] concentration of lactate [material] to form a concentrated solution;

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Fee
Total Claims								
19	-	23	=	0	x	0.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims								
05	-	03	=	2	x	80.00	=	\$160.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE								\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE								160.00

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